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BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Atlantic Lodge of Masons had work in the third degree last night.

The Select Council holds its February meeting to-night.

The School Board meets in monthly session this afternoon.

Dr. J. Wilton Hope will remove from York county to Hampton, and take up the practice of his brother, Dr. Thos. F. Hope, who died a few days ago.

Visitors to Norfolk yesterday, compared with visitors on February 13, 1898, were "few and far between."

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BRANBLETON WARD.

There will be a free distribution of soup to the poor of Branbleton ward to-day at the corner of Park and Claiborne avenues, opposite Thomas' grocery. All the needy are cordially invited to come and get an ample supply of good wholesome soup.

Owing to the storm Sunday, there was no service at the Park Avenue Baptist Church Sunday, except the Sunday school exercises.

There was preaching at McKendree M. E. Church Sunday morning, but no service at night.

The continued storm of yesterday prevented the meetings of the B. Y. P. U. of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, and the Teachers' Sunday School Association of Trinity M. E. Church, last night.

Mrs. E. M. McPherson, who has been ill with the grip at the home of her mother, Mrs. F. D. Fanshaw, on Highland avenue, is improving.

Miss Ruth Saunders is sick at her home on South Main street.

Miss Mamie Fanshaw, who has been sick for the past three weeks, has very much improved.

The lecture on the "Philippine Islands and Their Relation to Christian Lands," announced to come off at Christian Memorial Temple, Sunday afternoon, did not take place.

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DEATHS AND FUNERALS

MR. GEORGE W. SAMMONS.

Mr. George W. Sammons departed this life at No. 140 Bank street Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after a brief illness from pneumonia, in the 39th year of his age. Mrs. Sammons, who had been bedridden for some time, arrived here from Princess Anne, Md., in the afternoon, too late, however, to see her husband before death came. The remains were forwarded to Princess Anne, Md., via the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad yesterday morning, accompanied by the widow.

MR. EDWARD J. BARCROFT.

Mr. Edward J. Barcroft passed away from earth at his home, No. 605 Church street, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after a protracted illness, aged 34 years. A family survives him. Deceased was a member of Harmony Lodge No. 19, I. O. O. F. The funeral was held from the residence at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. C. W. Pettit, of Cumberland Street M. E. Church, assisted by Rev. S. C. Hatcher, of the Queen Street Church. The interment was in Elmwood Cemetery.

MRS. SARAH SELIG.

Mrs. Sarah Selig, relict of the late Mr. F. Selig, died at her home, No. 50 Fenchurch street, after several weeks' illness, in the 70th year of her age. The deceased was the sister of Mr. Thos. Frankfurt and the mother of Mrs. A. Adler and Mr. Benjamin Selig, of Norfolk, Mr. Louis Selig, of Elizabeth City, N. C., and Mr. Joseph Selig, all of whom, except the last named, were with her at the time of her demise.

Mrs. Selig was a lady of charitable disposition and was never known to turn a deaf ear to the appeal of the deserving poor. Her funeral will be announced later.

MR. P. S. MARCH.

Mr. P. S. March, formerly a resident of this city, died in New York Saturday night. The deceased was about 80 years of age. The remains will be brought to Norfolk for interment, but on account of the storm it is uncertain when they will arrive.

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Read announcement "Home Study Circle"—6th page.

AMUSEMENTS.

NO PLAY LAST NIGHT.

Hoyt's "Milk White Flag" was announced for the Academy last night, but owing to the stoppage of transportation the company could not reach Norfolk.

"THE GEISHA."

An exchange, in speaking of "The Geisha," which will be the attraction at the Academy to-night and to-morrow matinee, says: "It was a packed house and a fashionable audience that greeted the pretty Japanese comic opera, 'The Geisha,' and pronounced it a grand success by frequent laughter and unstinted applause. The plot of the piece unravels itself in Japan, the land of the chrysanthemum, the scenic effects pretty and the costumes dainty. Miss Helen Royton, as O. Mimosa San, sustains a graceful and pretty part in a neat and dainty manner, and is a songstress of much sweetness. Mollie Seamore, Miss Minnie Ashley, has a charming personality, and the song, 'The Parrot and the Canary,' afforded her an opportunity which she took advantage of. Miss Alicia Bassian, as Juliette, is a pert little lady, and her artistic singing was one of the gems of the evening. Her voice shows careful study and cultivation. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the gentlemen in the cast, especially Charles Danby, as Wun Hi (everybody's favorite), W. H. Tredwell, the Murray (known to all in comic opera), and Mr. Leonard Walker as Lieutenant Reginald Fairfax, captured the heart of every lady in the audience. In fact, the entire performance was the theatrical treat of the season." "The Circus Girl," will be presented on Wednesday evening.

HOYT'S "A STRANGER IN NEW YORK."

Next Friday evening, at the Academy of Music, Hoyt's "A Stranger in New York" will be presented. Playwright Hoyt has written and produced a score or more of comedy successes, but claims that the one that has made him the most dollars and placed him more prominently before the public as a successful author, is "A Stranger in New York." Since this comedy was presented here it has undergone many changes and many improvements have been made, and it is claimed by Mr. Hoyt and that in "A Stranger in New York," as now constructed, this popular playwright has never shown a more thorough knowledge of what makes the success of such a piece than in this production. Its novel features, ridiculously funny scenes and situations stand out now more boldly than ever. In the cast is John D. Gilbert.

The Equitable Assurance Society.

The thirty-ninth annual statement of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, which appears in another column, indicates that steady progress has been made in each and every particular, and that the society is worthy to be recognized as a fitting illustration of good and safe life insurance. Compared with the exhibit of a year ago, the statement presents the following figures, which clearly indicate its growth and increasing popularity:

Assets now aggregate	\$258,369,298.54
Surplus over every liability	67,310,489.27
Income in 1898 was	\$9,248,286.73
Disbursements	32,753,952.23
Amount paid to policyholders	24,020,523.42
Outstanding assurance	\$87,157,134.00
Assurance applied for 1898	198,362,617.00
Amount of assurance accepted and written	168,034,739.00
Surplus assets, after deducting all liabilities	34,902,400.00

In its issue of last week the Insurance Press, of New York, says: "Disregarding the Equitable's accumulated assets, it has paid to its policyholders over \$9,000,000 more than the combined payments to policyholders and accumulated assets of any other company within the corresponding period of its history."

Major A. Myers is the popular and able manager for the Equitable here.

A Norfolk Soldier Reburied.

Mr. R. A. Riddick, a member of the Norfolk City Guards, and a well known young man of Norfolk, is a maniac and confined in the United States Insane Asylum at Washington, D. C., having been brought there by Mr. James Gorin, of the United States Hospital Service, who arrived in this city Saturday. This is the second time Mr. Riddick has been confined in an insane asylum, having been in one in New Jersey. He was employed at the Academy of Music as a bill poster before he left with the City Guards for Cuba. Mr. Gorin, who carried Mr. Riddick to Washington, will return to Cuba to-day.

A Slight Fire.

The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon by a blaze at the residence of Mr. W. L. Kelly, No. 126 Duke street, caused by the overturning of an oil lamp in a bath-room.

The department was called to No. 53 Wolf street about 8:30 o'clock last evening to a fire caused by the burning of some lace curtains. The damage was about \$40. The fire was put out by inmates of the house.

The Select Council.

The February session of the Select Council will be held to-night and will have before it several matters of importance for consideration.

A joint session of the two branches will probably be held to fill the vacancy in the Water Board, caused by the death of Capt. W. A. S. Taylor.

Virginia Bankers' Association.

The sixth annual convention of the Virginia Bankers' Association will be held in Richmond on the 22d instant and will be addressed by Mr. Lyman J. Gage, Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Walter H. Doyle, of Norfolk, is one of the vice-presidents of the association and Mr. B. W. Leigh, of the City National Bank, Norfolk, is chairman of the Executive Committee.

For Sealing and Drunkenness.

Mattie Taylor, colored, was arrested last evening on the charge of stealing \$56 from John Julander. The latter was locked up for drunkenness.

THE GAS METER.

How a Scotchman Convicted One of Fraud—It was a Back-Action Meter.

(New York Tribune.)

At last a swindling gas meter has been caught "dead to rights," as the central office detectives say. The tendency of the average meter to prevarication in the interests of plethoric corporations has for generations caused much anguish to hundreds of thousands of poor but honest citizens. It was no use to say that you couldn't have burned anything like the amount of gas charged for. The meter said that you did, and no gas company ever yet wavered in attesting the spotless character for truth and honesty of its meters. But a Scotchman has finally succeeded in destroying the fiction so stubbornly maintained that meters won't lie. Mr. Dunbar is the gentleman's name. He is assistant under secretary for Scotland, and lives near the Bridge of Earn, one of the garden spots of Perthshire. For a period of five months in 1895, Mr. Dunbar's gas bill was £2 (\$10) for 5,000 feet of gas. In the following year, for a little over six months the gas bill jumped to over £23, representing 80,200 feet of gas consumed. Mr. Dunbar protested that there was something wrong, but the gas company would listen to no suggestions. His gas supply was cut off and he was sued for the amount said to be due. Sheriff Graham heard both sides, and then determined to get independent expert testimony. The meter was referred to Meter Inspector Jack, of Edinburgh, who was asked to report on its efficiency as a trustworthy instrument for measuring the quantity of gas passing through it.

Inspector Jack's report solved the mystery. He found that the meter had what he described as a reverse action. Instead of registering 10,000 feet it could register 90,000, and so on until it became a jumble of which one could make neither head nor tail. In Mr. Dunbar's case he figured that there had been an overcharge of 71,400 feet. This left Mr. Dunbar liable for 13,800 feet, although he had offered to pay for 21,000 feet when the bill was first presented to him. On hearing this report the company promptly abandoned its suit and paid Mr. Dunbar's legal expenses.

ARE ALL PARTIALLY BLIND?

Every Human Has An Eye Spot Which Sees Nothing.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

It will probably be a shock to many to learn that, without any exception, they are all partially blind and insensible to pain.

It has been clearly demonstrated by exhaustive experiments that every human eye is blind in a particular part, varying in locality and size with the individual. This can be easily proved by tracing one hundred curved and parallel lines on a large sheet of paper, and passing up and down each meridian in turn a disc of black paper one inch in diameter until the whole area of the sheet of paper has been covered. In following the movements of the disc it will be found that at certain parts of its progress it cannot be seen at all, and this is when the "blind spot" in the eye is focused on it.

This blind spot, which is irregular in shape, is caused by the optic nerve, which enters the retina and thus obscures part of the picture photographed (as it were) on it. The entire scene looked upon is clearly depicted with the exception of the part which should appear on the point of the retina covered by the optic nerve at its point of entry.

Similarly, scientific experiments prove that there are thousands of minute parts of the body which are incapable of feeling. You may touch them with a hot needle, or even, to push the experiment further, you may thrust the needle deeply into the part without any pain being felt. All parts of the body share this peculiar insensibility to pain, but the unfortunate thing is that these "dead points" are so mixed up with parts that are keenly alive that unless the point of contact is confined to the dead point the pain is all too manifest.

A PLAQUE OF THE NIGHT.

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